(c) In the NSS 55th round information on household consumer expenditure was collected from each sample household by using two reference periods, namely, 'last seven days' and 'last thirty days' for the items of food, pan, tobacco and intoxicants. Information in respect of consumption of clothing, footwear, durable goods, education and medical (institutional) services was collected only for one reference period of 'last 365 days'. In the NSS 50th round, information from a sample household was collected for only one reference period *i.e.* 'last thirty days' for the items of food, pan, tobacco and intoxicants. But information in respect of consumption of clothing, footwear, durable goods, education and medical (institutional) services was collected for two different reference periods—last 30 days and last 365 days.

Construction of sports complex at Udupi

1257. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of sports complex at Udupi District of Karnataka is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry had received a proposal for construction of sports complex at Udupi in Karnataka but the same could not be considered for assistance because the proposal was found to be deficient. Accordingly the State Government was informed.

(c) The Government had decided to transfer the sports infrastructure schemes to the State sector *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005 and accordingly no funds have been allocated in the budget for 2005-06 for sports infrastructure. As such, the sports infrastructure projects have to be funded by the State Government out of their own resources. All State Government have accordingly been informed on 28.2.2005.

Opening of Sports Academy

1258. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open Sports Academy for training young sports persons in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such Sports Academy; and

(c) the amount earmarked for development of sports related activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India has introduced a Scheme of State Sports Academy for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. The main objective of the Scheme is to select the best available talent in sports between the age group of 10-13 years, as well as, the top performers in State/National competitions in the age group of 10-18 years and to prepare and groom them over the years for winning medals for the country at the international level.

The Scheme envisages joint funding by the Central Government, State Government/UT Administration and a Sponsor as a co-operative venture. The financial assistance to the Academy in respect of capital, non-recurring costs with an upper cap of Rs. 8.30 crore will be shared between the Sponsor, the Central Government and the State Government in the ratio of 51:25:24. In addition, recurring cost upto Rs. 17 lakh per annum or 25% of actual expenditure, which ever is less, shall be payable for a period of three years by the Government of India.

(c) The amount allocated for this Scheme in the Budget Estimate (B.E.) for 2005-06 is Rs. 5.00 Crore.

Construction of a Youth Hostel in Lucknow

†1259. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by Government for the construction of a Youth Hostel on Barha Road, Anand Nagar, near National Park in Lucknow;

(b) whether it is a fact that the construction of the said building has been completed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company constructing the said hostel has sought additional amount from Government;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a request has been made for inspection of the said building by Central Public Works Department; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.